

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 30, 32, 33, and 35-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 40-62 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled subject matter.

ARGUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE VARIOUS REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 40-62

Claims 40-62 have been rejected for various reasons. As respectfully submitted above, claims 40-62 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Therefore, the present rejections of claims 40-62 are moot in view of the present cancellation of claims 40-62.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all the various rejections of claims 40-62.

ARGUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ENTERING THE PRESENT AMENDMENTS

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter these amendments under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 for the following reasons. As demonstrated above the present amendments place the application in condition for allowance. The above amendments address the issues raised by the Examiner in the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; 35 U.S.C. §102(b); and 35 U.S.C. §103. Moreover, by overcoming the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; 35 U.S.C. §102(b); and 35 U.S.C. §103, the amendments clearly reduce the issues

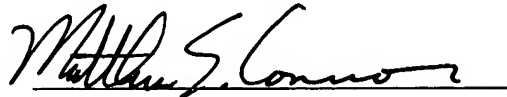
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present in this application and place the application in better condition for appeal. Therefore,
The Applicant respectfully request entry under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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